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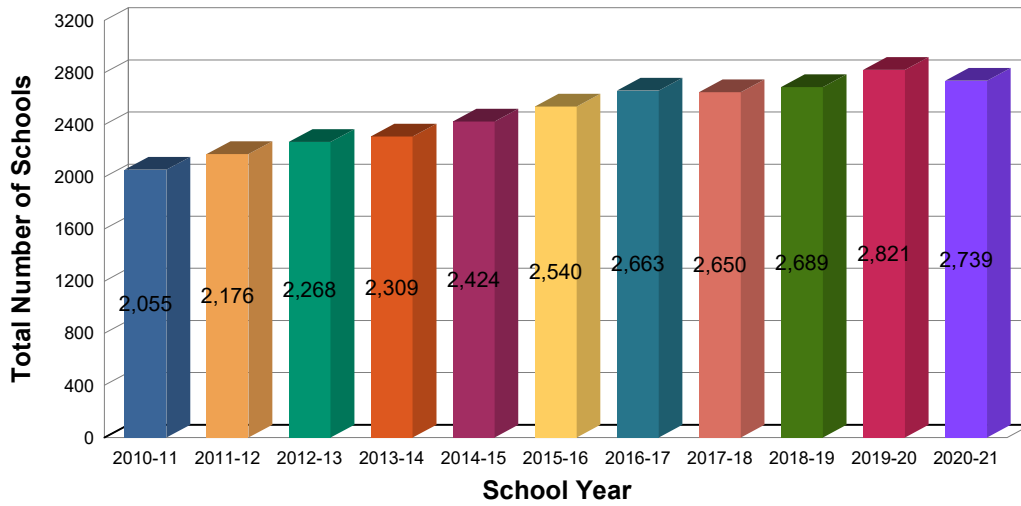
Highlights of the 2020-21 Annual Report

The 2020-21 annual report contains information on students and staff for Florida private schools that completed the online annual survey between September 2, 2020 and July 1, 2021. Enrollment data for Florida public school students are based on the 2020-21 Survey 2 (October Survey) final data. The following observations are drawn from the results of the data analysis:

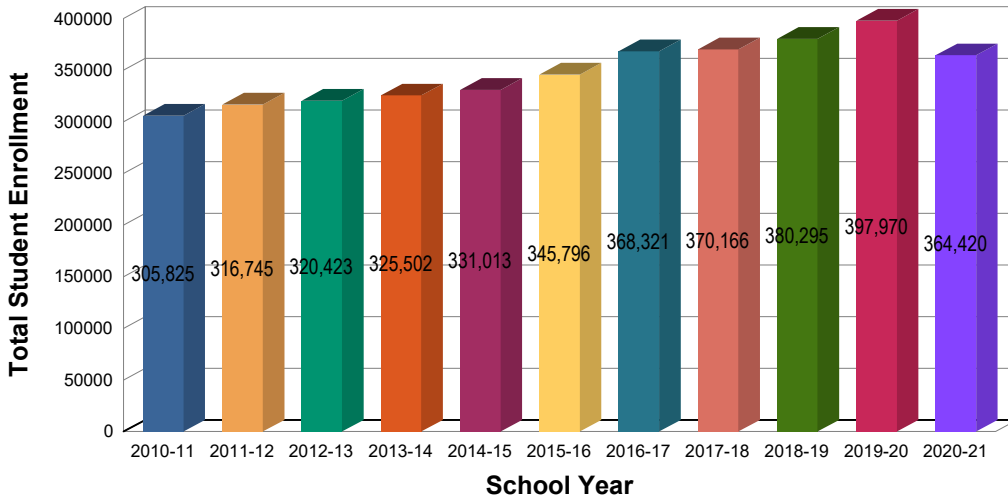
- Of the 3,156,107 statewide total PK-12 student enrollment in the 2020-21 school year, 364,420 (11.5%) were private school students, and 2,791,687 (88.5%) were public school students.
- Compared with the 2019-20 school year, the total number of private schools that submitted an online annual survey for 2020-21 fell by 82 schools and the reported total PK-12 student enrollment decreased by 33,550 students.
- Of the 364,420 students enrolled in Florida's private schools in 2020-21, 9.0% were enrolled in prekindergarten, 8.1% in kindergarten, 35.5% in grades 1-5, 21.6% in grades 6-8, and 25.8% in grades 9-12.
- Twenty-four (24) school districts had 10% or more of their total PK-12 students enrolled in private schools in 2020-21.
- Approximately eighty percent (80.4%) of personnel employed in private schools were classroom teachers and 19.6% were school administrators.

* Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Number of Private Schools 2010-11 to 2020-21

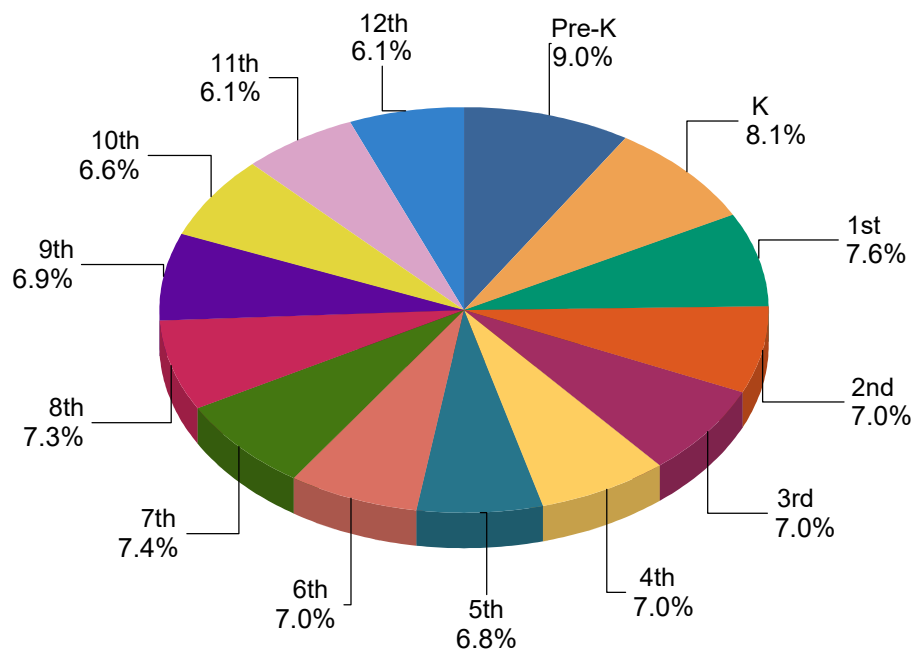


Private School Student Enrollment 2010-11 to 2020-21



<u>School Year</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Schools</u>
2020-21	364,420	2,739
2019-20	397,970	2,821
2018-19	380,295	2,689
2017-18	370,166	2,650
2016-17	368,321	2,663
2015-16	345,796	2,540
2014-15	331,013	2,424
2013-14	325,502	2,309
2012-13	320,423	2,268
2011-12	316,745	2,176
2010-11	305,825	2,055

Private School Student Enrollment by Grade, 2020-21



GRADE LEVEL	STUDENTS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL ENROLLMENT
Pre-K	32,848	9.0%
K	29,561	8.1%
1st	27,536	7.6%
2nd	25,657	7.0%
3rd	25,619	7.0%
4th	25,464	7.0%
5th	24,888	6.8%
6th	25,408	7.0%
7th	26,971	7.4%
8th	26,484	7.3%
9th	25,079	6.9%
10th	24,215	6.6%
11th	22,331	6.1%
12th	22,359	6.1%
Total:	364,420	100.0%

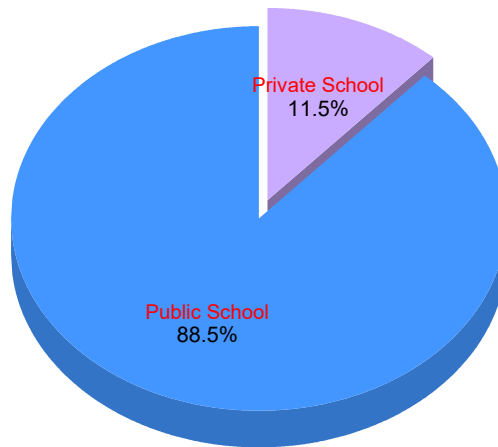
PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY GRADE LEVEL 2020-21

District	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
ALACHUA	468	430	365	325	356	370	341	317	356	304	234	207	179	184	4,436
BAKER	0	2	4	3	3	13	12	10	14	12	11	7	9	4	104
BAY	131	84	73	81	71	77	69	86	79	88	40	33	40	30	982
BRADFORD	44	36	34	36	44	35	43	45	36	31	40	23	37	26	510
BREVARD	881	654	646	607	615	555	625	587	659	658	453	476	454	502	8,372
BROWARD	3,393	2,924	2,821	2,556	2,433	2,406	2,313	2,585	2,728	2,734	3,065	3,002	2,989	3,063	39,012
CHARLOTTE	96	88	99	113	107	106	105	100	116	114	42	45	43	21	1,195
CITRUS	182	127	122	107	97	97	76	104	99	81	50	53	42	48	1,285
CLAY	97	100	93	85	103	114	114	112	140	122	217	135	131	65	1,628
COLLIER	515	303	248	264	260	255	268	309	315	281	225	240	231	239	3,953
COLUMBIA	54	83	82	91	97	113	89	113	101	117	85	108	79	70	1,282
DADE	8,079	6,597	5,680	5,027	4,904	4,795	4,534	4,524	4,720	4,783	5,052	5,021	4,393	5,041	73,150
DESOTO	95	19	11	7	6	12	6	17	16	18	5	3	3	7	225
DIXIE	0	3	8	6	4	7	11	10	10	13	13	12	7	12	116
DUVAL	1,587	1,754	1,668	1,606	1,690	1,591	1,656	1,904	1,981	1,952	1,853	1,776	1,614	1,674	24,306
ESCAMBIA	687	663	659	565	535	557	523	534	570	512	385	349	365	318	7,222
FLAGLER	202	99	109	80	108	98	115	94	79	97	54	42	31	30	1,238
FRANKLIN	8	8	5	5	4	2	6	3	1	4	6	2	2	4	60
GADSDEN	31	42	32	39	38	46	39	49	60	60	55	40	52	44	627
GILCHRIST	32	19	23	25	20	25	27	24	27	29	17	21	13	11	313
GLADES	0	5	8	10	11	9	16	13	10	5	7	10	6	9	119
GULF	20	10	6	6	15	15	10	10	8	6	7	7	1	0	121
HAMILTON	0	35	39	39	46	50	40	41	44	66	45	58	51	27	581
HARDEE	12	8	10	6	4	3	5	4	3	1	1	2	1	2	62
HENDRY	25	34	45	36	30	42	39	61	47	52	38	37	27	9	522
HERNANDO	128	223	209	187	169	190	173	175	168	139	95	111	81	88	2,136
HIGHLANDS	191	115	117	106	109	108	92	118	88	97	52	41	25	23	1,282
HILLSBOROUGH	1,748	1,545	1,555	1,514	1,536	1,488	1,480	1,567	1,518	1,483	1,376	1,219	1,209	1,153	20,391
HOLMES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	4	18	12	5	6	52
INDIAN RIVER	140	122	106	127	99	126	122	116	134	117	77	74	65	65	1,490
JACKSON	33	27	24	19	25	19	17	16	14	12	10	7	9	3	235
JEFFERSON	19	36	28	22	24	26	21	26	28	24	28	32	18	36	368
LAFAYETTE	8	5	9	2	8	7	9	8	9	8	9	7	3	5	97
LAKE	596	343	351	320	325	305	278	342	323	294	292	221	226	178	4,394
LEE	888	543	466	458	438	415	443	442	465	493	467	468	403	408	6,797
LEON	422	390	337	290	308	301	326	328	309	306	234	195	133	151	4,030
LEVY	2	19	25	25	20	24	28	29	36	29	29	22	17	11	316
LIBERTY	0	3	1	0	4	3	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	16
MADISON	10	11	7	4	4	1	5	3	7	7	3	0	5	1	68
MANATEE	310	253	236	258	249	266	303	307	301	302	276	271	253	278	3,863
MARION	451	451	411	395	418	435	375	373	405	385	317	306	281	246	5,249
MARTIN	207	1,061	1,056	1,043	1,039	1,052	1,029	141	1,021	1,038	972	960	970	262	11,851
MONROE	160	59	59	39	37	37	28	36	30	26	2	1	1	0	515
NASSAU	203	110	90	91	100	112	134	147	136	159	221	221	180	193	2,097
OKALOOSA	253	210	190	167	170	164	179	133	119	99	85	71	56	45	1,941
OKEECHOBEE	160	53	41	29	27	32	32	34	24	29	8	13	10	5	497
ORANGE	1,822	2,370	2,238	2,173	2,096	2,167	2,040	2,133	2,268	2,050	1,930	1,819	1,648	1,663	28,417
OSCEOLA	700	640	615	622	607	635	642	715	692	684	604	604	578	550	8,888
PALM BEACH	2,290	1,776	1,600	1,517	1,580	1,546	1,445	1,579	1,667	1,689	1,588	1,596	1,507	1,541	22,921
PASCO	235	284	321	296	292	315	280	311	311	321	724	812	644	858	6,004
PINELLAS	1,147	1,150	1,127	1,115	1,101	1,164	1,151	1,345	1,403	1,367	1,077	1,056	1,077	1,005	16,285
POLK	701	783	804	694	680	767	774	849	805	808	654	550	470	578	9,917
PUTNAM	47	41	62	49	59	48	66	78	72	75	64	72	42	28	803
SANTA ROSA	302	183	148	137	134	103	118	119	104	92	98	79	68	56	1,741
SARASOTA	307	306	333	287	315	322	316	372	315	349	303	264	293	302	4,384
SEMINOLE	1,067	779	674	659	740	635	706	673	768	691	501	495	419	405	9,212
ST. JOHNS	316	324	286	253	239	266	214	209	187	193	114	109	113	104	2,927
ST. LUCIE	457	432	384	380	384	365	335	285	290	291	364	365	307	313	4,952
SUMTER	7	4	7	5	5	1	9	9	9	8	5	6	4	3	82
SUWANNEE	27	42	42	31	49	53	43	48	62	46	49	47	50	50	639
TAYLOR	0	40	23	24	41	23	29	25	26	24	20	22	25	11	333
VOLUSIA	634	603	583	519	516	473	482	587	549	534	343	319	283	260	6,685
WAKULLA	29	17	9	12	10	11	11	13	21	8	19	13	20	8	201
WALTON	138	54	49	47	37	42	44	34	36	42	26	20	23	22	614
WASHINGTON	54	27	23	16	24	24	27	24	26	21	23	5	10	5	309
TOTAL:	32,848	29,561	27,536	25,657	25,619	25,464	24,888	25,408	26,971	26,484	25,079	24,215	22,331	22,359	364,420

**NUMBER OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS BY DISTRICT
2020-21**

DISTRICT ID	DISTRICT NAME	SCHOOLS
1	ALACHUA	32
2	BAKER	3
3	BAY	14
4	BRADFORD	5
5	BREVARD	85
6	BROWARD	268
7	CALHOUN	0
8	CHARLOTTE	9
9	CITRUS	9
10	CLAY	22
11	COLLIER	28
12	COLUMBIA	14
13	DADE	608
14	DESOTO	3
15	DIXIE	2
16	DUVAL	158
17	ESCAMBIA	35
18	FLAGLER	12
19	FRANKLIN	2
20	GADSDEN	3
21	GILCHRIST	3
22	GLADES	2
23	GULF	2
24	HAMILTON	5
25	HARDEE	2
26	HENDRY	3
27	HERNANDO	21
28	HIGHLANDS	13
29	HILLSBOROUGH	139
30	HOLMES	2
31	INDIAN RIVER	12
32	JACKSON	4
33	JEFFERSON	3
34	LAFAYETTE	1
35	LAKE	43
36	LEE	43
37	LEON	38
38	LEVY	5
39	LIBERTY	1
40	MADISON	3
41	MANATEE	33
42	MARION	45
43	MARTIN	20
44	MONROE	5
45	NASSAU	11
46	OKALOOSA	16
47	OKEECHOBEE	6
48	ORANGE	225
49	OSCEOLA	73
50	PALM BEACH	130
51	PASCO	43
52	PINELLAS	113
53	POLK	85
54	PUTNAM	7
55	ST. JOHNS	22
56	ST. LUCIE	37
57	SANTA ROSA	10
58	SARASOTA	43
59	SEMINOLE	66
60	SUMTER	3
61	SUWANNEE	8
62	TAYLOR	2
63	UNION	0
64	VOLUSIA	62
65	WAKULLA	2
66	WALTON	12
67	WASHINGTON	3
TOTAL:	67	2,739

PK-12 Public and Private School Enrollment, 2020-21



SCHOOL TYPE	PK-12 STUDENT ENROLLMENT	PERCENTAGE
Private School	364,420	11.5%
Public School	2,791,687	88.5%
Total Public and Private	3,156,107	100.0%

Districts with 13% or more of Total PK-12 Students Enrolled in Private Schools

DISTRICT	PUBLIC SCHOOL	% PUBLIC	PRIVATE SCHOOL	% PRIVATE	TOTAL PK-12
MARTIN	18,240	60.6%	11,851	39.4%	30,091
JEFFERSON	706	65.7%	368	34.3%	1,074
HAMILTON	1,579	73.1%	581	26.9%	2,160
MIAMI-DADE	334,937	82.1%	73,150	17.9%	408,087
DUVAL	126,815	83.9%	24,306	16.1%	151,121
ESCAMBIA	38,465	84.2%	7,222	15.8%	45,687
BRADFORD	2,791	84.6%	510	15.4%	3,301
NASSAU	11,898	85.0%	2,097	15.0%	13,995
PINELLAS	96,068	85.5%	16,285	14.5%	112,353
ALACHUA	28,300	86.4%	4,436	13.6%	32,736
BROWARD	260,235	87.0%	39,012	13.0%	299,247

PK-12 STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS 2020-21

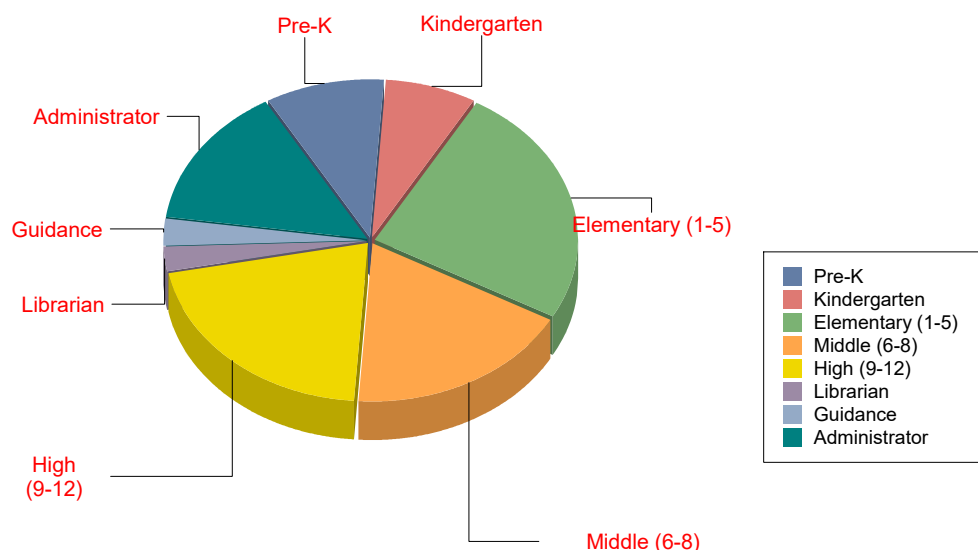
DISTRICT	Public School Enrollment	Public School % of Total PK-12	Private School Enrollment	Private School % of Total PK-12	Total PK-12
ALACHUA	28,300	86.4%	4,436	13.6%	32,736
BAKER	4,943	97.9%	104	2.1%	5,047
BAY	25,280	96.3%	982	3.7%	26,262
BRADFORD	2,791	84.6%	510	15.4%	3,301
BREVARD	70,996	89.5%	8,372	10.5%	79,368
BROWARD	260,235	87.0%	39,012	13.0%	299,247
CALHOUN	2,062	100.0%	0	0.0%	2,062
CHARLOTTE	15,284	92.7%	1,195	7.3%	16,479
CITRUS	15,413	92.3%	1,285	7.7%	16,698
CLAY	38,264	95.9%	1,628	4.1%	39,892
COLLIER	46,329	92.1%	3,953	7.9%	50,282
COLUMBIA	9,805	88.4%	1,282	11.6%	11,087
MIAMI-DADE	334,937	82.1%	73,150	17.9%	408,087
DESOTO	4,614	95.4%	225	4.6%	4,839
DIXIE	2,131	94.8%	116	5.2%	2,247
DUVAL	126,815	83.9%	24,306	16.1%	151,121
ESCAMBIA	38,465	84.2%	7,222	15.8%	45,687
FLAGLER	12,853	91.2%	1,238	8.8%	14,091
FRANKLIN	1,226	95.3%	60	4.7%	1,286
GADSDEN	4,924	88.7%	627	11.3%	5,551
GILCHRIST	2,736	89.7%	313	10.3%	3,049
GLADES	1,751	93.6%	119	6.4%	1,870
GULF	1,840	93.8%	121	6.2%	1,961
HAMILTON	1,579	73.1%	581	26.9%	2,160
HARDEE	4,939	98.8%	62	1.2%	5,001
HENDRY	13,629	96.3%	522	3.7%	14,151
HERNANDO	22,621	91.4%	2,136	8.6%	24,757
HIGHLANDS	12,111	90.4%	1,282	9.6%	13,393
HILLSBOROUGH	218,943	91.5%	20,391	8.5%	239,334
HOLMES	3,131	98.4%	52	1.6%	3,183
INDIAN RIVER	17,570	92.2%	1,490	7.8%	19,060
JACKSON	6,248	96.4%	235	3.6%	6,483
JEFFERSON	706	65.7%	368	34.3%	1,074
LAFAYETTE	1,170	92.3%	97	7.7%	1,267
LAKE	43,706	90.9%	4,394	9.1%	48,100
LEE	94,927	93.3%	6,797	6.7%	101,724
LEON	32,845	89.1%	4,030	10.9%	36,875
LEVY	5,448	94.5%	316	5.5%	5,764
LIBERTY	1,273	98.8%	16	1.2%	1,289
MADISON	2,425	97.3%	68	2.7%	2,493
MANATEE	49,181	92.7%	3,863	7.3%	53,044
MARION	41,177	88.7%	5,249	11.3%	46,426
MARTIN	18,240	60.6%	11,851	39.4%	30,091
MONROE	8,547	94.3%	515	5.7%	9,062
NASSAU	11,898	85.0%	2,097	15.0%	13,995
OKALOOSA	31,614	94.2%	1,941	5.8%	33,555
OKEECHOBEE	6,263	92.6%	497	7.4%	6,760
ORANGE	199,851	87.6%	28,417	12.4%	228,268
OSCEOLA	68,640	88.5%	8,888	11.5%	77,528
PALM BEACH	188,832	89.2%	22,921	10.8%	211,753
PASCO	77,109	92.8%	6,004	7.2%	83,113
PINELLAS	96,068	85.5%	16,285	14.5%	112,353
POLK	105,368	91.4%	9,917	8.6%	115,285
PUTNAM	10,319	92.8%	803	7.2%	11,122
ST. JOHNS	44,550	93.8%	2,927	6.2%	47,477
ST. LUCIE	41,779	89.4%	4,952	10.6%	46,731
SANTA ROSA	27,770	94.1%	1,741	5.9%	29,511
SARASOTA	42,618	90.7%	4,384	9.3%	47,002
SEMINOLE	66,226	87.8%	9,212	12.2%	75,438
SUMTER	8,675	99.1%	82	0.9%	8,757
SUWANNEE	5,708	89.9%	639	10.1%	6,347
TAYLOR	2,731	89.1%	333	10.9%	3,064
UNION	2,344	100.0%	0	0.0%	2,344
VOLUSIA	61,088	90.1%	6,685	9.9%	67,773
WAKULLA	4,963	96.1%	201	3.9%	5,164
WALTON	10,355	94.4%	614	5.6%	10,969
WASHINGTON	3,399	91.7%	309	8.3%	3,708
OTHERS	21,109	100.0%	0	0.0%	21,109
TOTAL:	2,791,687	88.5%	364,420	11.5%	3,156,107

* "OTHERS" include students enrolled in lab, deaf/blind, virtual, and Department of Juvenile Justice schools.

Private School Instructional and Administrative Personnel 2020-21

The reported personnel data are based on the online Private School Annual Survey and include eight personnel types: pre-k teacher, kindergarten teacher, elementary school teacher (1-5), middle school teacher (6-8), high school teacher (9-12), librarian and media specialist, guidance personnel, and administrator. Support personnel such as secretaries, aides, paraprofessionals, and volunteers are not included. Statistics for personnel in the named areas reflect actual numbers of such individuals but do not indicate the full range of duties they may perform. Reporting instructions requested that full-time employees who have responsibilities in more than one area be reported in the category where they spend the majority of their time.

Private School Instructional and Administrative Personnel by Type



<u>PERSONNEL TYPE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Pre-K	4,130	9.5%
Kindergarten	3,138	7.2%
Elementary (1-5)	10,792	24.8%
Middle (6-8)	7,868	18.1%
High (9-12)	9,084	20.9%
Librarian	986	2.3%
Guidance	1,320	3.0%
Administrator	6,235	14.3%
Total:	43,553	100.0%

**PRIVATE SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL
2020-21**

District	Pre-K	KG	Elementary	Middle	High	Librarian	Guidance	Admin	Total
ALACHUA	62	56	159	98	82	16	11	73	557
BAKER	0	1	4	4	5	1	0	3	18
BAY	17	16	42	31	19	3	3	26	157
BRADFORD	4	4	15	11	14	1	4	6	59
BREVARD	117	78	284	209	204	25	38	170	1,125
BROWARD	452	307	996	727	1,008	105	154	646	4,395
CHARLOTTE	10	10	35	31	13	1	2	12	114
CITRUS	15	11	38	31	37	5	4	19	160
CLAY	13	13	57	53	61	9	11	44	261
COLLIER	76	44	181	138	148	10	11	112	720
COLUMBIA	8	10	37	28	28	3	7	19	140
DADE	1,070	696	2,074	1,213	1,521	164	296	1,229	8,263
DESOTO	13	3	2	3	1	0	0	3	25
DIXIE	0	1	2	2	2	0	1	2	10
DUVAL	188	170	612	533	612	69	87	463	2,734
ESCAMBIA	56	48	186	125	137	26	24	97	699
FLAGLER	21	6	28	14	9	2	2	24	106
FRANKLIN	2	1	1	1	3	0	1	2	11
GADSDEN	6	5	15	14	17	2	1	13	73
GILCHRIST	4	2	9	8	5	1	0	8	37
GLADES	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	6
GULF	3	1	6	4	3	1	0	1	19
HAMILTON	0	4	11	5	7	1	2	6	36
HARDEE	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	3	10
HENDRY	2	3	15	12	11	3	2	4	52
HERNANDO	13	21	64	47	40	6	4	35	230
HIGHLANDS	26	10	41	27	22	5	3	22	156
HILLSBOROUGH	225	164	591	435	522	46	78	363	2,424
HOLMES	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	7
INDIAN RIVER	24	10	52	44	57	5	8	25	225
JACKSON	3	3	11	6	6	1	3	6	39
JEFFERSON	1	2	6	8	9	1	1	5	33
LAFAYETTE	1	1	3	1	1	2	0	1	10
LAKE	69	46	136	100	102	9	21	64	547
LEE	121	46	183	154	183	18	17	108	830
LEON	43	39	141	106	86	11	12	89	527
LEVY	1	4	10	7	7	1	4	7	41
LIBERTY	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	4
MADISON	1	2	3	2	1	0	1	3	13
MANATEE	44	34	124	102	122	7	12	68	513
MARION	76	43	168	117	166	17	21	95	703
MARTIN	24	104	173	325	324	7	16	41	1,014
MONROE	19	6	17	14	1	3	2	8	70
NASSAU	10	11	32	26	25	3	4	26	137
OKALOOSA	40	33	86	50	53	4	3	29	298
OKEECHOBEE	21	7	15	10	8	4	0	6	71
ORANGE	249	272	1,159	778	918	63	99	559	4,097
OSCEOLA	96	77	245	159	170	47	43	178	1,015
PALM BEACH	253	174	713	551	741	69	91	371	2,963
PASCO	33	40	123	118	167	13	17	90	601
PINELLAS	143	127	533	445	489	63	46	306	2,152
POLK	74	79	308	232	227	38	39	164	1,161
PUTNAM	6	7	31	16	10	5	3	14	92
SANTA ROSA	32	14	41	20	24	4	4	19	158
SARASOTA	42	31	118	97	120	14	19	83	524
SEMINOLE	112	74	296	199	208	29	32	169	1,119
ST. JOHNS	29	23	112	65	47	10	10	48	344
ST. LUCIE	38	40	145	74	69	7	14	79	466
SUMTER	1	3	4	4	5	0	0	3	20
SUWANNEE	4	7	23	15	24	1	1	13	88
TAYLOR	0	3	7	5	6	0	2	3	26
VOLUSIA	93	70	210	169	130	21	24	124	841
WAKULLA	4	2	5	5	8	1	1	2	28
WALTON	14	15	41	30	30	2	3	15	150
WASHINGTON	5	2	8	6	3	1	1	3	29
TOTAL:	4,130	3,138	10,792	7,868	9,084	986	1,320	6,235	43,553